

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 6 and add new claims 23-28, as set forth in the following listing of claims, which will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims

1-5 (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) In an electronic device that provides an on-line educational course, a method comprising:

receiving a request for a Web page at the electronic device from a remote client; and
in response to said receiving step, sending a Web page containing a question and a fill-in-the-blank applet embedded therein to the remote client, said applet generating a graphical user interface (GUI) including instructions to a user to enter an answer to the question provided by said Web page, wherein the fill-in-the-blank applet includes a definition file, which is unavailable to the user, defining a correct answer to the question such that the definition file is separate from a source code for said Web page, the source code including said question, to prevent a user from obtaining the correct answer by viewing the source code.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said Web page comprises a page of an on-line educational course.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said Web page includes an applet tag instructing a browser to execute instructions for running the fill-in-the-blank applet.

9 - 10 (Canceled).

11. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium for use in an electronic device that provides an on-line educational course, comprising

instructions for running a fill-in-the-blank applet for displaying a question and a text box to a user, wherein the user can enter an answer to the question in the text box, the medium including hypertext markup language (HTML) code, which includes the question, to reference the applet; and

a definition file, unavailable to the user, indicating a correct answer for said question, said definition file being separate from the HTML code to prevent the user from obtaining the correct answer by looking at the HTML code.

12. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the instructions are executable on a virtual machine.

13. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the instructions are stored on a server and downloaded to a local processor of the user.

14-22 (Canceled).

23. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein said graphical user interface generated by the fill-in-the-blank applet displays a text box for receiving a user response to the displayed question, two or more selectable graphical user interface objects for use by a user to interact with the fill-in-the-blank applet to change a state of the fill-in-the-blank applet, and instructions to the user to enter an answer to the question in the text box.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the applet allows a user to attempt a correct answer multiple times.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein said applet automatically provides a correct answer in the text box after the user surpasses a predetermined number of attempts.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein said applet prevents the user from entering an answer after said predetermined number of attempts.

27. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the definition file stores multiple correct answers for a question.

28. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the applet provides feedback to the user indicating that an answer to the question is correct, if the user inputs a correct answer.